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In re Application of:
Mario Scurati et al.

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For: INTEGRATED DEVICE FOR BIOLOGICAL
ANALYSES

RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION MAILED AUGUST 3, 2006

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action mailed August 3, 2006, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks. The three-month deadline for responding to the office action is November 3, 2006. Applicants request a two-month extension of time to respond to this Office Action. A Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a) is enclosed.

Applicants submit herewith a certified copy of priority application, IT TO2002A000808, and an English translation of this priority application as required by 35 U.S.C. 119(b). Applicants hereby notify the Office that a certified copy of priority application EP 99830206.1 was filed with U.S. Application 09/545260, now U.S. Patent No. 6670257, from which this application claims priority.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.